



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 12

Meeting Date: 05/14/2007

Meeting Location: Fayette County DCS

Council Members Present: Vickie Jones (Regional Director), Jennifer Munden (Henry County DCS), Gene Sanford (Union County DCS), Debbie VanMeter (Fayette County DCS), Terry Suttle (Wayne County DCS), Kelly Persinger (Rush/Franklin County DCS) and Daniel Pflum (Fayette County Judge)

Council Members Absent: Matt Cox (Union County Judge) and Mary Willis (Henry County Judge)

Others In Attendance: Carl Scheib (Community Partners), Jennifer Lansinger (Community Partners), Kelley Cruse (Community Partners), Tim Hammond (IDTC), Darla Randall (Birth to Five Inc.), Susan Lightfoot (Henry County Probation), Mike Fleming (Henry County DCS), Mark Munchel (Fayette County DCS), Dana Baker (White's Family Services), Doug Butler (Lifeline Youth and Family Services), Representative from Whittington Homes—Ft. Wayne (Unable to read signature), and Luanne Handysaylor (Meridian Services)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 15:30

1. First order of business discussed was new members. The council was introduced to Terry Suttle (Wayne County Director) and Kelly Persinger (Franklin/Rush Director). Mark Munchel and Mike Fleming are no longer needed as Director Representatives. A sign in sheet was sent around and introductions were made.
2. Carl Scheib updated the committee on "Community Partners for Child Safety Program". A Hand out was provided by Carl. Community Partners is fully staffed and family activity was reported. Community Partners has 20 openings. There are brochures available to anyone who needs them. Community Partners could use a refrigerator for a family if anyone knows of a source. Kelley Cruse shared a client story. Vickie Jones asked how Region 12 is compared to other Indiana Regions and Carl stated that Region 12 is somewhat behind.
3. Practice Reform was discussed. Vickie provided two handouts. Region 12 is to roll out in December 2007. Caseloads will be 17 and investigations loads will be 12. Another 400 FCM's are being hired.
4. Vickie provided a handout about the upcoming legislative changes.
5. Other issues and/or concerns:
Lifeline addressed the reason for not accepting new referrals. Doug Butler explained that there is a hold up on new referrals due to funding. DCS owes them \$411,000. Referrals are going

through Ball State and there were some billing problems according to Vickie. Vickie stated that DCS cannot pay bill unless they are appropriately billed. Doug stated that \$156,178.00 was billed appropriately and still is non-payment. Vickie agreed to sit down with Lifeline and BSU to look at billing process.

Debbie VanMeter addressed a concern that Meridian is still making clients come to Richmond for initial assessments. Luanne stated that this is not the case. She asked for the worker to contact her directly and she will take care of this.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: JULY 9th, 2007 @ 15:30

Meeting Adjourned at: Approximately 16:30